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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America, Dwight D. Eisenhower has proclaimed the week of October 11-16, 1954, as NATIONAL NURSE WEEK; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that in this year of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, the centenary of the work of Florence Nightingale in the Crimea, the attention of all citizens of this state be focused on the great contributions, past and present, that the nursing profession has made to the people's welfare and security; and

WHEREAS, the continuing improvement in nursing education and nursing service is of first importance in attracting young people to the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of October 11-16, 1954, as

"NATIONAL NURSE WEEK"

in South Dakota, as a time for special tribute to the nurses of South Dakota and do hereby request that the people of this state pay honor to the women and men who -- in the home, in the school, in the clinic, in the factory, as well as in the hospital ward and in the front line of battle -- care for those who need care, nurse the sick to health and the weak to strength, in loving and never-ending service. In NATIONAL NURSE WEEK we honor nurses not only for their great contribution to human welfare in the past, but for what they are doing to meet the demands of modern medicine which is concerned as much with preventing as with curing illness. We salute the art, the science and the humanity of nursing as it moves forward into the future. Progress in nursing will truly mean better health for the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 9th day of October, 1954.

..... Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

..... Geraldine Osgood
Secretary of State